(d) if so, the total funds allotted, progress of work as on 15.11.98 with estimated amount spent so far and when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The route from Mandi to Pathankot *via* Kangra is National Highway No. 20.

(c) and (d) The development of National Highway network is a continuous process. Funds for the development of National Highways are allocated State-wise for the entire length of National Highways within the State. Specific National Highway-wise allocation is not made.

National Highway Board

1842. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed National Highway Board to be set up alongwith its main functions;

(b) whether Government are aware of the poor upkeep and maintenance of the National Highway in Gujarat;

(c) whether the Board will undertake the maintenance of National Highways and also check occurrence of accidents; and

(d) the funds sanctioned by Government for development of National Highways in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENBRA PRADHAN): (a) and (c) Rakesh Mohan Committee recommended the constitution of a Road Board to streamline the work of the Highway Sector. However, the proposals are at conceptual stage;

(b) All National Highways in Gujarat are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(d) During the year 1998-99 an amount of Rs. 50.00 crores has been earmarked for development of National Highways in Gujarat.

Navigable Inland Water Routes

1843. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of navigable inland water routes in terms of kilometers in the country;

(b) the utilisation of this navigable capacity in each of the years since 1990-91; and

(c) the State-wise distribution of the navigable capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENBRA PRADHAN): (a) According to National Transport Policy Committee (NTPC) report (1980) the length of navigable waterways in the country is 14,544 kilometers. This includes all waterways navigable by country boats.

(b) Utilisation of national waterways since 1990-91 is given in the Statement-I *(See* below;

Besides these, waterways in various states arc also being utilised locally for navigation by mechanisecVfion-mechan-ised vessels.

(c) The Statewise distribution of navig able waterways as per NTPC report is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

Utilisation of National Waterways Since 1990-91

National Waterway No. 1

1990 TO 1997	*Haldia to Calcutta—Regular movement*
1997 TO 1998	*Haldia to Patna — Limited movement*
1998 TO 1999	*Haldia to Calcutta—Regular movement Haldia to Varanasi — Limited movement*
	Haldia to Calcutta—Regular movement Haldia to Allahabad — Limited movement

National Waterway No. 2

1990 TO 1995	Calcutta to Pandu—Regular movement (through Bangladesh)
1995 TO 1997	Calcutta to Karimganj—Regular movement (through Bangladesh) Calcutta to Pandu—Regular movement (through Bangladesh)
1997 Onwards	Calcutta to Karimaganj—Regular movement (through Bangladesh) Calcutta to Dhansirimukh—Limited movement (through Banglades) — Over Dimensional Cargo Calcutta to Pandu—Regular movement (through Bangladesh) Calcutta to Karimganj—Regular movement (through Bangladesh)

National Waterway No. 3

1990 TO 1994 1994 Onwards	Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals-Regular movement Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals-Regular movement Kochi-Edapallikota of West Coast Canal-Regular movement.

Statement-II

Navigable Waterways in India

SI. No.	State	Navigable Waterways * in Km.
1.	Andhra Praesh	1,999
2.	Assam	1,983
3.	Bihar	1,262
4.	Goa, Daman & Diu	342
5.	Gujarat	296
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	200
7.	Karnataka	444
8.	Kerala	1,548
9.	Maharashtra	501
10.	Orissa	985
11.	Tamil Nadu	216
12.	Uttar Pradesh	2,441
13.	West Bengal	2,337
	Total	14,544

*These include all waterways navigable by country boats.

NOTE: Extract from Natoinal Transport Policy Committee Report.